

Reason and Revelation Reconciled

Scriptural foundations

In following these leadings of scientific revelation, the Bible was my only textbook. The Scriptures were illumined; reason and revelation were reconciled, and afterwards the truth of Christian Science was demonstrated. No human pen nor tongue taught me the Science contained in this book, SCIENCE AND HEALTH; and neither tongue nor pen can overthrow it. This book may be distorted by shallow criticism or by careless or malicious students, and its ideas may be temporarily abused and misrepresented; but the Science and truth therein will forever remain to be discerned and demonstrated.

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Manual of the Mother Church

On the twenty-third day of September, 1892, at the request of Rev. Mary Baker Eddy, **twelve of her students** and Church members met and reorganized, under her jurisdiction, the Christian Science Church and named it, THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST.

At this meeting **twenty others of Mrs. Eddy's students and members of her former Church** were elected members of this Church, -- those with others that have since been elected were known as "First Members." The Church Tenets, Rules, and By-Laws, as prepared by Mrs. Eddy, were adopted. A By-Law adopted March 17, 1903, changed the title of "First Members" to "Executive Members." (On July 8, 1908, the By-Laws pertaining to "Executive Members" were repealed.)

THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, IN BOSTON, MASS., is designed to be built on the Rock, Christ; even the understanding and demonstration of divine Truth, Life, and Love, healing and saving the world from sin and death; thus to reflect in some degree the Church Universal and Triumphant.

Manual of the Mother Church, pages 18,19

Spiritual Significance

*There are **thirty-two** planks in the platform as found in Science and Health, page 330. That was also the platform that Mary Baker Eddy founded her second church on in the Historical Sketch found on page 16 of The Mother Church Manual. Mrs. Eddy never left anything to chance. Everything that she did had a Divine pattern. Her church was founded on the Rock, Christ.*

When the following platform is understood and the letter and the spirit bear witness, the infallibility of divine metaphysics will be demonstrated.

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The sting of the serpent

The Revelator lifts the veil from this embodiment of all evil, and beholds its awful character; but he also sees the nothingness of evil and the allness of God. The Revelator sees that old serpent, whose name is devil or evil, holding untiring watch, that he may bite the heel of truth and seemingly impede the offspring of the spiritual idea, which is prolific in health, holiness, and immortality.

Science and Health, page 563

Pharisaical notions

VEIL. A cover; concealment; hiding; hypocrisy.

The Jewish women wore veils over their faces in token of reverence and submission and in accordance with Pharisaical notions. The Judaic religion consisted mostly of rites and ceremonies. The motives and affections of a man were of little value, if only he appeared unto men to fast. The great Nazarene, as meek as he was mighty, rebuked the hypocrisy, which offered long petitions for blessings upon material methods, but cloaked the crime, latent in thought, which was ready to spring into action and crucify God's anointed. **The martyrdom of Jesus was the culminating sin of Pharisaism. It rent the veil of the temple. It revealed the false foundations and superstructures of superficial religion, tore from bigotry and superstition their coverings, and opened the sepulchre with divine Science, — immortality and Love.**

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ZION. Spiritual foundation and superstructure; inspiration; spiritual strength. Emptiness; unfaithfulness; desolation.

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When the veil of the temple was rent, the spiritual foundation and superstructure were then revealed.